



Torrance Civilian Defense Set-Up Being Rushed



HERE IS LATEST AUTHENTIC INFORMATION FOR EVERY RESIDENT CONCERNED WITH HOME SECURITY

City's Lack of Control Leadership Hinders Effort

Defense Program Waits on Council Cooperation Here

Is Torrance doing its part in civilian defense? The answer to that question is: Yes and No. Yes, Torrance has about 75 men in training as auxiliary police, 26 more attending firemen's training school, 90 potential air raid wardens, and perhaps about 50 enlisted in the State Guard.

Yes, Torrance has scores of women enrolled in Red Cross work, serving coffee and sandwiches to soldiers stationed in this area, assisting P. T. A. units and soon to aid in registration of men from 20 to 44 years of age on Feb. 16.

Perhaps there are 300 men and women engaged in civilian defense here—but that is not enough. There are some vital services allied with the emergency set-up which have, for one reason or another, escaped attention. Police Chief John Stroth as civilian defense director or knows only too well that his organization is bogging down—simply for lack of secondary leadership in a control center.

Six Vital Forces

The city council, while it has adopted an emergency ordinance enforcing blackouts, voted appropriations for blackout at the Civic Auditorium, gave the Red Cross the use of that building as headquarters in case of emergency, purchased a \$1,500 auxiliary power plant, gave the city park to the Army for a camp ground, bought lumber for 50 barricades and 50 ladders and adopted a resolution of confidence in the loyalty of local Japanese-American citizens, while it has done this and many other things, the council has shelled other equally vital matters.

For one thing, despite Stroth's request for appointment of aides to assist him in organizing civilian defense, the council has not suggested possible leaders for manning a staff to direct controls in event of an air raid or invasion. Stroth needs a head (with an assistant stand-by) to direct six vital divisions for civilian protection—fire, police, wardens, emergency medical, public works and utilities.

Adoption of an emergency ordinance creating a local defense council Tuesday night should lead to the formation of a directing body for the local effort—when the council names all the various committee heads and personnel as provided by that ordinance which is published in full elsewhere in this edition.

Functions Outlined

The police chief can man the fire, police and warden units by placing Fire Chief J. E. McMaster, one of his captains and Chief Warden Jack Hallanger at the head of those divisions if necessary. But the emergency medical division, public works and utilities divisions still lack authoritative heads. Function of the medical unit is to care for wounded thru first aid parties, first aid posts, casualty clearing stations, hospitals and necessary transportation. It directs medical forces and nurses' aide corps. Obviously this division needs a person intimately associated with the Red Cross, physicians and ambulance unit yet is not primarily either a Red Cross leader such as Mrs. R. R. Smith, a physician or an ambulance driver.

The same is true of the public works division chief. Function of his unit would be removing rubble, blasting unsafe structures, opening and repairing streets and roads, replacing traffic signs, chemical neutralization and clearing of gassed areas. Under his direction these units would operate: demolition and clearance crews, road repair squads and decontamination corps. City Engineer Glenn Jain has been suggested for this post but he has been so involved with the current earthquake reconstruction work that he has not had time to devote to formation of his division.

Must Know Strength
Emergency utilities division has been almost overlooked here,

Want to "Do Something"?

Here's List of Community War Services

Here, in brief, is the latest official list of places where you can enroll for the nation's armed forces, California State Guard, Civilian Defense, Red Cross and other defense agencies—save this list for future reference:

ARMED FORCES

U. S. ARMY, 1755 U. S. Post-office and Court House, Main and Temple, L. A.; Room 325 San Fernando Bldg., 406 South Main St., or Room 2 Post Office Bldg., American ave., Long Beach.

U. S. NAVY: Federal Building, Main and Temple, L. A. or Post Office Bldg., American Ave. Long Beach.

U. S. MARINE CORPS, Room G-35 U. S. Postoffice and Court House, Main Temple, L. A.

U. S. COAST GUARD: Rooms 727-728 San Fernando Bldg., 406 South Main St., L. A.

U. S. NAVAL RESERVE: Naval Reserve Armory, 850 Laval Terrace, Chavez Ravine, L. A.

STATE GUARD

Torrance-Lomita Company II, enlistments being taken by L. Guy Cable, 26326 Western ave., Charles C. Ray, 24520 Normandie ave., both of Lomita, and Robert Lewellen, Sr., at the Torrance Herald office. Drills Sunday at 9:30 a. m.; Tuesday and Friday, 7:30 p. m. at Torrance city park.

Torrance-Gardena company George T. Beard in charge of enlistment at Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce, 16420 South Vermont ave., or at 16514 South Vermont ave., in Gardena.

Company H, cavalry unit, enlistments being taken by Mrs. L. E. Keisey, Torrance Chamber of Commerce secretary in the city hall, Corporal William G. Hines at Redondo 3569, or at the troop's headquarters at El Rancho Martos Stables, 5781 Centinela ave., between Jefferson and Sepulveda blvds., Wednesday nights at 7:30 o'clock. The phone number there is ORchard 7-2747.

U. S. ARMY AUXILIARY

Air Observation Service, under Army command and supervision, open to both men and women. Enlistments and information at Edwin A. Bird's office in the U. S. Employment Bureau at the County Health and Welfare Center, 2300 Carson st.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Air Raid Wardens, most vital service of all civilian defense units. Jack Hallanger, deputy city clerk, chief warden, accepting enrollment at the city hall, School of instruction every Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 p. m. Civic Auditorium.

Auxiliary Firemen and Rescue Squads. Fire Chief J. E. McMaster in charge. More men needed for this service, register with Chief McMaster at central fire station. School of instruction every Wednesday, 7 p. m. at city council room.

Auxiliary Police and Bomb Squads. Police Chief John Stroth in charge. No more enrollments being accepted. School of instruction every Tuesday, 7 p. m., in Civic Auditorium and Friday at 10 a. m. at Jefferson school, 104th and Firmona ave.

Emergency Medical Services (includes hospitals, casualty stations, first aid posts.) Mrs. R. R. Smith, chairman of Torrance branch, American Red Cross, in charge. First aid school of instruction being given Monday, 8:30 p. m. at high school.

Sanitation Service. E. J. Graham in charge, has 15 men in training.

Public Works (includes repair, roads, sewers, water, demolition and decontamination squads). City Engineer Glenn Jain in charge. He plans to use city employees for repair, roads, sewer and water squads; the latter being in charge of Superintendent William H. Stanger of the Municipal Water Dept. No effort has been made as yet to form demolition and decontamination squads, both of a highly technical nature.

Utilities (includes communication, telephone, signal, radio, light and power). No single person in direct command as yet but squads will be formed of workers in the public utility services here.

RED CROSS

Mrs. R. R. Smith, general chairman; Production headquarters in Steel Workers' hall, 1526 Cravens ave.

Standard and Advanced First Aid courses in high school—Standard on Mondays 6:30 to 9:30 p. m.; Standard Mondays and Thursdays 1 to 4 p. m. City Council room, Advanced on Mondays and Fridays, 7 to 10 p. m., city hall courtroom; Standard First Aid class Tuesday from 9 a. m. to 12 noon at Arlington Avenue Recreation center. New classes will be formed as long as there is demand. Applicants may enroll at the class centers, Production headquarters or with Mrs. Smith, 2004 Carson st., phone 17.

Production headquarters is center for sewing and knitting every day except Saturdays from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. More volunteers welcome.

Home Nursing class to start in about a week at high school. Open to all.

Nutrition class to start in about two weeks at high school. Open to all.

Red Cross Reserve needs sixty physically fit men for first aid stretcher service in Volunteer Red Cross Reserve Corps under direction of Casper Clemmer, 2313 Carson st., phone 850. Instruction and registration every Wednesday night, 6:30 to 10:30 p. m. in city council room.

OTHER SERVICES

"Coffee Corps," a U. S. O. adjunct. Mrs. Pat Dillinger, 2468 Torrance blvd., in charge. Volunteers wanted to prepare food and serve it to Army men stationed in this area.

Selective Service volunteer registrars—women only. Wanted for service in shifts from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. Feb. 14, 15 and 16 to register men from 20 to 44 years of age. Apply at Selective Service headquarters, 1337 El Prado, giving name, address, phone number and hours you can work. A school of instruction for volunteer registrars will be held Friday, February 13; location later.

Little Hills Navy Mothers' Club. A liaison unit between the home and enlisted Navy men. Mrs. Max Long, 26823 Lucille st., Lomita, president. Club welcomes new members and meets on first and third Mondays, 1 p. m. at social hall of First Christian church, Torrance.

Boy Scout War Service. Forty units being organized by L. A. Area Council. Older Scouts or former Scouts 15 years of age or older and above first class rank eligible. Service to cooperate with Sheriff, police, Red Cross and other defense agencies. Apply at Scout Headquarters, 1308 Maple st., Los Angeles.

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1260 Men Wanted for Two Vital Units Here

Two Civilian Defense units of vital importance are urgently in need of more men volunteers here. They are the Air Raid Warden service and Volunteer Red Cross Reserve Corps.

AIR RAID WARDENS

To adequately man the 37 districts created in the 19 1/2 square miles that are Torrance territory, Chief Warden Jack Hallanger needs at least 1,200 more men who can serve during the duration of blackouts. They must first register at the city clerk's office then attend the twice-weekly school sessions held every Wednesday and Friday nights at 7:30 o'clock in the Civic Auditorium with Hallanger and E. G. Brady, assistant city engineer, as instructors. An afternoon session is being arranged for men unable to attend the evening instructions.

RED CROSS RESERVE

At least 60 strong men are wanted at once to begin instruction in first aid and stretcher-bearer service for use during emergencies, according to Casper Clemmer, chairman of the Volunteer Reserve Corps. These men will be trained in ambulance service and will be on duty during blackouts in accordance with the municipal Civilian Defense plan. A school of instruction is being conducted every Wednesday night, 6:30 to 10:30 p. m., in the city council room. Registrations are taken there. Men must be physically fit.

Young Women Needed On Defense Switchboard

Here's an opportunity for about 12 young women to serve with the Civilian Defense in Torrance: They are wanted to man the switchboard now being installed in the control room located in the Chamber of Commerce directors' room.

Police Chief John Stroth, as head of Civilian Defense, needs their services whenever a blackout is ordered. They are to operate the switchboard which is being set up to receive three incoming calls at once and to furnish an outlet to outside defense units.

Young women with switchboard experience are desired but Chief Stroth will be glad to enroll any one who lives near the Chamber of Commerce building located on El Prado next to the Civic Auditorium. Close residence is necessary in order that the operators may get to their posts in the shortest possible time. Applicants should see Chief Stroth personally at the police station.

Will Ask Boy Scouts to Aid Circulation of C. D. Questionnaire

Boy Scouts of Torrance are soon to be asked to perform a community service of great importance to the completion of the Civilian Defense program here. Police Chief John Stroth expects to receive copies of the uniform questionnaire that the Scouts will be asked to distribute to every home in the city.

This, when properly filled out, will give Civilian Defense authorities here information as to what aid they can expect from local residents in the way of service, supplies or money.

The Scouts would distribute questionnaires one day and call back for the filled-out forms on the following day. Chief Stroth intends to enlist the Scouts' help as soon as he has the questionnaires ready for distribution.

30 Volunteer for 'Spotters'

About 30 persons volunteered during the past week for air observation duty at two Army-supervised posts here. Edwin A. Bird said yesterday, in response to his urgent appeal published in last week's Herald. This turnout, somewhat mollified verbally by authorities who verbally chastised local residents for their apparent unwillingness to serve in a Pacific Coast radio broadcast.

"The response was only a fair return I would say," Bird declared at his office in the U. S. Employment Bureau, located in the County Health and Welfare Center at 2300 Carson st. "We really need—and need badly—twice as many more to give adequate service in the 'spotter' work for this vicinity. I'll be glad to receive more volunteers this week."

Gun Racks Built For State Guard Unit

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Eight Captains Elected
Those chosen to head their respective districts are: Gale W. Whitaker, 2165 233rd

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H. S. Has Alert Emergency Set-Up Ready to Function

Students are Drilled to Give Independent Aid

If the municipal civilian defense organization was as completely set up as Torrance high school's preparations for any emergency, this community could claim an alertness and readiness nearly equal to London under the blitz.

Working independently yet in cooperation with city civilian defense plans, the high school has an organization trained and prepared to render great service—not only to students there but to local adults. Come air raids, earthquakes, fire or any other kind of emergency the school is ready to function as a unit with a minimum of duplication of effort and a maximum of safety.

As outlined this week by Principal Thomas H. Elson, the high school's emergency services are directed from a control board similar to that which is being created—but slowly—for the entire city. From the very start it is able to function as an independent unit, able to operate smoothly and efficiently for the utmost safety of the 448 boys, 404 girls, 40 teachers and 16 non-certificated employees—a total of 908 individuals who may be considered well taken care of at least during school hours.

Teachers Head Units

With Principal Elson as director, the emergency control board has the following faculty leaders as heads of various protective units:

Francis Waddingham, communications, radio listening post and liaison with the major catastrophe emergency council of the county; James Burchett, local contact with the municipal civilian defense control and messenger service, locally and to the Los Angeles headquarters of the school administration; Leonard Austin, in charge of all alarms for fire, air raids and drills and the airplane listening post; Harry H. Stone, in charge of traffic regulation; Mrs. Mabel Boynton and Miss Sarah Vaubel, pro-tem directors of

C. D. UNITS ON DUTY NOW

All Civilian Defense units in the city have been instructed that they are now on duty—regardless of the fact that their training has just begun. Police Chief John Stroth informed the Torrance members of the Civilian Police Sunday afternoon that they are to go on duty immediately after a blackout or air raid signal is given.

Likewise, Chief Warden Jack Hallanger of the Air Raid Warden service told his men Wednesday night that they were expected to begin patrolling their districts on the signal. Other units have also been informed or will be at their next meeting that "the emergency is upon us and we've got to be ready to go into action at any time."

Auditorium will be Casualty Station

In event of an emergency, the Civic Auditorium would become headquarters for the Red Cross and serve as a clearing station for casualties, according to the Civilian Defense plans perfected for the city. Slightly injured persons would be sent there for first aid and perhaps other clearance stations will be set up to accommodate victims of an air raid in other parts of the city. First aid posts are to be established in strategic points according to the plan of the Air Raid Warden service.

FOR CANTEN WORKERS

In event of any major emergency, all members of the Red Cross Canteen committee are asked by the chairman, Postmaster Earl Conner, to report to him at once at the entrance to the kitchen of the Civic Auditorium.

Air Raid Protection Instructions

Keep Cool—Stay Home—Put Out Lights—Be Ready

1—Familiarize yourself with local blackout and all clear signals—a continuous two minute fluctuating siren blast announcing danger of a raid; followed by a two minute continuous and uninterrupted steady siren blast for the "All Clear."

2—When the signal comes, turn out all house lights if you have not blacked out your windows. Stay home. When bombs fall, lie down on the floor to avoid flying glass.

3—If you are driving, pull car into curb, turn out lights and get under cover and lie down. Keep away from crowded places and stay off the streets.

4—If incendiary bombs fall on your house, cover them with dry sand. Keep sand bags in your home. Keep garden hose attached to faucet. Use a fine spray only on bombs. A splash or jet of water will make them explode.

5—If you have a soda-and-acid extinguisher (the kind you use upside down), place your finger over nozzle to make spray. Do not use the small cylinders of liquid on bombs. They can be used on ordinary fires.

6—Under raid conditions, fill your bathtub and all buckets in case water mains are broken. Fight your own fires yourself with the aid of your air raid warden. Telephone lines should be kept clear in these periods.

7—If poison gas is used, go to the most inside room of your house (fewest doors and windows). Paste paper over windows, stuff cracks in doors and windows with rags.

8—Appoint one member of the house now as air raid warden to take charge and remember all the rules.

9—Don't believe rumors—spreading false rumors is part of the enemy's technique.

10—Should you get an air raid warning, remember to shut off gas stoves and gas furnaces.

11—Anti-aircraft fire means falling shrapnel. You are safe from it indoors, away from windows.

12—Above all, keep cool. Stay home. Put out lights. Lie down. Keep away from windows.

housing, medical care, first aid and other services to both students and adults who may be evacuated to school buildings.

Control of Parents
Other students man first aid posts, prepare for simple housing and feeding—a raid may last many hours. Locations of all gas valves, power switches, gas equipment, fire hose and fire extinguishers, all listed and easily available may have to be sought out and turned off in event bombs endanger the buildings.

Shelter Places Listed
An alert may be received in any or all of three ways—by hearing the air raid warning sirens (a continuous fluctuating blast of two minutes' duration), the two boys assigned to the radio listening post in a school bungalow may hear the warning broadcast, or the two boys assigned to the airplane listening post on top of the shop building may receive visual signs of an enemy raid.

Immediately the information is flashed to the control board in Principal Elson's office, the board assembles and issues instructions. Contact is made with the downtown school offices and with the city control board by phone or messenger, a safety patrol composed of 25 boys and girls swings into action alert for service and evacuation to places of safety begins.

Students who may be on the playground are directed to the basement of the boys' gymnasium, those in the shop buildings are instructed to lie flat on the floor while those in the classroom buildings are ushered to protective corridors of main halls and then are filtered off to other main floor hallways where they will be safe.

Offer Adult Protection
In event an air raid occurs after school hours and some children are caught en route by an alert, they can be located (if they do not deviate from their announced routes to and from home) by means of a card index that lists this vital information together with the time a student leaves or arrives home. Students have been advised to avoid the business district and routes

Herald Follows War-Time Policy With This Page

The Herald does not propose to evade its share of war-time duties. Rather, it has imposed on itself additional accuracy in its major service to readers for the duration. That of checking and double-checking all reports with qualified local, county, state and national authorities when such news pertains to war measures for public safety in this community. It will offer factual information about war-conditions in its special province, Torrance and vicinity.

So declared an editorial in this newspaper's first edition following declaration of war on the Axis powers—Dec. 8, 1941. In the preparation of this page of civilian defense information, The Herald has kept that editorial in mind. Consequently, the data presented here may be regarded as a faithful, accurate interpretation of Torrance in war-time, Jan. 15, 1942.

The information is presented to clarify any misunderstandings of the various civilian defense units, what their duties are, who are their leaders, what is being done and what is lacking. If any reader not yet enrolled or assisting in any civilian defense group discovers after reading this page, that he can be of service, so much the better. There is much to do and time is short.